What is claimed is:

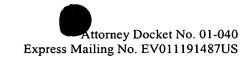
| 1 | 1. | A method comprising: |
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| 2 | | determining a first gaming session; |
| 3 | | determining a first rank of the first gaming session; |
| 4 | | determining at least one gaming session, each at least one gaming session |
| 5 | of the | first set having a respective rank that is not higher than the first rank; |
| 6 | | determining data corresponding to the at least one gaming session; |
| 7 | | determining at least one bonus based on the data; and |
| 8 | | applying the at least one bonus to the first gaming session. |
| 1 | 2. | The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises: |
| 2 | | determining a number of prior gaming sessions that are not concluded; and |
| 3 | | determining the first rank based on the number. |
| 1 | 3. | The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises: |
| 2 | | determining a number of subsequent gaming sessions that are not |
| 3 | concluded; and | |
| 4 | | determining the first rank based on the number. |
| 1 | 4. | The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises: |
| 2 | | determining a start time of the first gaming session; and |
| 3 | | determining the first rank based on the start time. |
| 1. | 5. | The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises: |
| 2 | | determining a duration of the first gaming session; and |
| 3 | | determining the first rank based on the duration. |
| 1 | 6. | The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises: |
| 2 | | determining at least one outcome corresponding to the first gaming session; |

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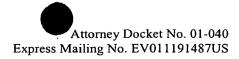
and



- 4 determining the first rank based on the set of at least one outcome.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises:
- 2 providing to the first player an offer to assign the first rank to the first
- 3 gaming session in exchange for an amount of funds.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, in which determining the first rank comprises:
- 2 determining a rate of play of the first gaming session; and
- 3 determining the first rank based on the rate of play.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 displaying an indication of the first rank.
- 10. 1 The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 determining a second rank of the first gaming session.
- 1 11. The method of claim 10, in which determining the second rank comprises:
- 2 determining the second rank based on the data.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1, in which determining the data comprises:
- 2 determining at least one outcome corresponding to the at least one gaming
- 3 session.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1, in which determining the data comprises:
- 2 determining at least one payout corresponding to the at least one gaming
- 3 session.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1, in which the at least one bonus comprises an
- 2 increased probability of winning for at least one play of the first gaming session.
- 15. 1 The method of claim 1, in which the at least one bonus comprises a payout.



- 1 16. The method of claim 15, in which applying comprises:
- 2 dispensing an amount of coins.
- 1 17. The method of claim 1, in which the at least one bonus comprises a
- 2 secondary game play.
- 1 18. The method of claim 1, in which applying comprises:
- determining an account associated with the first gaming session; and
- applying the at least one bonus to the account.
- 1 19. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- determining a second gaming session of a second player; and
- displaying an indication of the second gaming session of the second player
- 4 to the first player.
- 1 20. The method of claim 19, in which displaying an indication comprises:
- determining a second rank of the second gaming session; and
- displaying an indication of the second rank to the first player.
- 1 21. The method of claim 19, in which determining the second gaming session
- 2 comprises:
- determining the second gaming session of the second player, the second
- 4 gaming session having a second rank that is not lower than a predetermined rank.
- 1 22. A method comprising:
- determining a first gaming session of a first player;
- determining a first rank of the first gaming session;
- 4 determining at least one gaming session of at least one other player, each at
- 5 least one gaming session having a respective rank that is not higher than the first
- 6 rank;
- 7 determining first outcome data corresponding to the first gaming session;



| 8 | determining second outcome data corresponding to the at least one gaming | |
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| 9 | session; | |
| 10 | determining at least one bonus based on the second outcome data; | |
| 11 | applying the at least one bonus to the first gaming session; and | |
| 12 | determining a second rank of the first gaming session based on at least one | |
| 13 | of: | |
| 14 | the first rank of the first gaming session, | |
| 15 | the respective rank of each at least one gaming session of the first | |
| 16 | set, | |
| 17 | the first outcome data, and | |
| 18 | the second outcome data. | |
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| 1 | 23. A method comprising: | |
| 2 | receiving an indication of an initiation of a first gaming session of a player; | |
| 3 | determining a first set of at least one gaming session of at least one other | |
| 4 | player, each at least one gaming session of the first set being initiated before the | |
| 5 | initiation of the first gaming session; | |
| 6 | determining a first rank of the first gaming session based on the first set; | |
| 7 | determining a second set of at least one gaming session of at least one other | |
| 8 | player, each at least one gaming session of the second set being initiated after the | |
| 9 | initiation of the first gaming session; | |
| 10 | determining at least one payout corresponding to the second set; | |
| 11 | determining a bonus based on at least one of: | |
| 12 | the at least one payout, and | |
| 13 | the first rank; and | |
| 14 | applying the bonus to the first gaming session. | |